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| Preliminary Report | Near Fatality | 6/5/19 |
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Amendments to the information originally posted on 3/14/19 are displayed below in red.

1. Near Fatality Victim: 2-month-old female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 2/6/19

3. Date of near fatality: 2/6/19

4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*:

Armando Rendon – 2/11/19

Kallissa Charters – 5/30/19

5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Armando Rendon – age 21 – Phoenix, AZ

Kallissa Charters – age 21 – Phoenix, AZ

7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On February 6, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a 2-month-old baby girl who had been transported to the hospital. She was found to be suffering from a traumatic brain injury and was determined to be in critical condition. The baby had been in the care of her father, Armando Rendon, who admitted to harming her. The father was later charged with felony child abuse. **On May 30, 2019, the Maricopa County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the child's mother, Kallissa Charters, either abused the child or failed to protect her from abuse by her father.**

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s):**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Armando Rendon, Kallissa Charters and/or the near fatality victim.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation is being conducted with the Phoenix Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, the child was placed with relatives. There were no other children in the home.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

The Department is providing services to the family.



Arizona Department of Child Safety

Douglas A. Ducey
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Director

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).
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